



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE

The cobblestone paving in the roundabout and the concrete sidewalk along the east side of the roundabout is complete. Crews have been loaming most of the landscaped areas. Most of the concrete sidewalks throughout the Village have been completed, including the section along Tanner Street. Next week, the landscaping contractor will focus on placement of the hardscape around the monument. Also next week, final course pavement will be placed at the three City parking lots and any remaining concrete sidewalks will be finished. One lane of traffic will continue to be maintained through the work zone.



WHITE PARK PATH IMPROVEMENTS

Recently, 500 linear feet of stone dust pathways were paved in White Park. Crews from the General Services Department did an outstanding job grading and paving the paths with a rented paving machine. In the past, the old stone dust walkways would erode every time there was a substantial rain, requiring Parks staff to clean up, purchase new material and re-grade the paths. The new pavement should eliminate this costly expense.



PECKER PARK LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS

Hats off and many thanks to the East Concord Garden Club who continue to upgrade and improve Pecker Park. This spring, the group purchased and installed new perennials and removed some older and dying trees. This past week, the Club, with their own funds, installed a two-zone automatic irrigation system. Doug Thomson of Thomson Lawn Care donated his time to install the system. Many thanks to the East Concord Garden Club and Doug Thomson for improving this park.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED



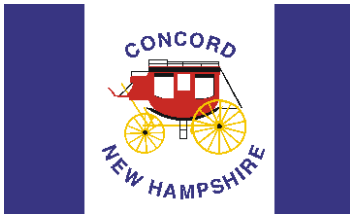
In observance of Labor Day, City Offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Monday, September 1st.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE TRASH & RECYCLING

There will be **no trash or recycling pick-up on Monday**, due to the Labor Day holiday. For the holiday week, curbside collection will be delayed by one day, starting with Monday's route being picked up on Tuesday and so forth.

ADOPT-A-SPOT

The Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank its four newest adopters for volunteering to maintain or assist Parks staff in maintaining several orphaned areas. They are: **Jack Shields**, who volunteers at Penacook Riverside Park; the **Penacook Historical Society**, who will be maintaining the water trough at the corner of Lake and North State Street; **East Concord Grass Roots**, who will maintain the islands located at Exit 16; and **Graphic Packing International**, who has been maintaining the walking trail across from their business on Commercial Street. The City still has many orphaned areas that need adopting. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 225-8690 if you are interested in maintaining one of these small areas.



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NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

City Administration is pleased to announce the appointment of **Todd Fabian** as the new director of the Concord Public Library, effective September 29, 2014. Fabian was selected from approximately 40 applicants after an extensive search and a rigorous interview process.

Since 2010, Fabian has served as the Library Director at the Woodbridge Town Library in Woodbridge, CT. Prior to that, from 2007 to 2010, he served as the Library Director at the Levi E. Coe Library in Middlefield, CT; and from 2002-2007, he was the Library Director at the ELANCO Library in New Holland, PA.

Fabian has a Master's degree in Education from Millersville (PA) University, and a Master's degree in Library Science from Clarion (PA) University.

FALL SOCCER PROGRAM



The Concord Parks & Recreation Department's fall soccer program starts next week with 50+ teams of children from age 4 all the way up to high school. The Department is still looking for coaches for all age groups. Anyone interested in coaching should contact the Parks & Recreation office at 225-8690 and speak with Kari Inglis.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD MONTH

Does everyone in your family have a library card? It's free for Concord and Penacook residents and business owners and is good for so much more than books. You can obtain movies, music, museum passes, and 24/7 resources like foreign language learning, downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks for all ages, business and consumer information, newspapers and magazines, personalized book recommendations, homework help and so much more. Connect with the Concord Public Library today at www.concordnh.gov/library!



The Concord Public Library has challenged the Hooksett Public Library to see which library can sign up the most new cardholders this month. Help us beat Hooksett and make the Concord Public Library card the smartest card in your wallet!

WATER TREATMENT PLANT - TRANSFORMER REMOVAL

The Water Treatment Plant recently removed an obsolete transformer in anticipation of a replacement generator. The old transformer was removed by the General Services Department's Water Treatment Division and the Highway & Utilities Division water crew. The transformer converted power from the utility grid system to operate the raw water pumps that carry water from the Contoocook River to Penacook Lake during dry periods in the summer months. Running the station on generator power will be much less expensive than running it on grid power. The new generator is scheduled to be in place by November 1st and will be more environmentally friendly to meet NH Department of Environmental Services' air emission requirements.



EMPLOYEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mike Nugent and **Ryan Pellisier** of the General Services Department's Highways and Utilities Division, recently received Water Distribution I licenses from the State of New Hampshire. Mike and Ryan participated in a 10-week Water System Operator Certification program this past spring and took the exam in June. The program included drinking water regulations, cross connection safety, leak detection, source protection, record keeping, and water system components. Their achievement will help strengthen their skills and knowledge to better maintain the City's water distribution system.

John Clement and **Don Weaver**, Automotive Technicians in the General Services Department's Equipment Services Division, recently completed training at the P&L Custom Emergency Vehicles factory in New Jersey. During this two-day course, they learned of the intricacies of this particular type of vehicle and proper diagnostic and repair procedures. The three newest of the City's five ambulances are of this type, which makes this training very valuable.